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SUBJECT: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED POINTS IN REFTEL AND LEFT AIDE
MEMOIRE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND DIRECTOR OF NEW OFFICE
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING,
CARLOS AGUIRRE. FONMIN OFFICIAL SAID NO ONE FROM LA PAZ WILL
ATTEND JANUARY 23 MEETING. BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA AND
ECONOMIC ATTACHE ARMANDO LOAYZA WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.
FOLLOWING THE GENEVA MEETING, A MEETING OF ANCOM COUNTRY
REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE PLACE IN LIMA TO ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF
THE GENEVA MEETINGS AND SEE IF ANY COMMON INTERESTS OR
POSITION CAN BE DEVELOPED IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNCSTD
CONFERENCE. THE MEETING IN LIMA WILL BE FROM FEBRUARY 20-25.

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2. FONMIN OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOB WAS IN FAVOR OF DISAGGREGATION
OF TECHNOLOGICAL PACKAGES FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY PURPOSES.
HE SAID THAT OFTENTIMES LDC'S ARE CHARGED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE,
INTEGRATED PACKAGE WHICH CONTAINS UNSOPHISTICATED PARTS THAT THE
LDC'S CAN DO BETTER AND CHEAPER THEMSELVES. HE ALSO EXPRESSED
CONCERN FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO LESS DEVELOPED OF THE
LDC'S SAYING PRIVATE COMPANIES, FOR EXAMPLE, TENDED TO GO TO

BRAZIL RATHER THAN BOLIVIA.

3. COMMENT: WHEN MAKING REFERENCE TO DISAGGREGATION, MINISTRY OFFICIAL SEEMD TO BE REFERRING TO CASES OF TURNKEY AND OTHER PACKAGE DEALS FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HE (AND PERHAPS OTHERS IN THE GOB) BELIEVE THAT BOLIVIA AND OTHER LDC'S WOULD BENEFIT FROM A BREAKING DOWN OF THESE PACKAGES INTO COMPONENT PARTS SOME OF WHICH THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES (LDC'S) COULD BETTER AND MORE CHEAPLY EXECUTE THEMSELVES.

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